GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5822
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2002
EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the target and actual export of foodgrains made during each of the last three years, country-wise;

(b) whether some countries have rejected the foodgrains as they were of sub-standard quality;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith its value in terms of Indian Rupees;

(d) the impact of export of foodgrains on indigeneous supplies and demand;

(e) whether the export of foodgrains has increased after lifting of restriction on movement of foodgrains within the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof after the date of lifting of restrictions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): There was no export of foodgrains from the Central Pool in 1999-2000.50 lakh MTs of wheat each for the years 2000-01 and 2001-02 and 20 lakh MTs and 30 lakh MTs of rice for the years 2000-01 and 2001-02 respectively were offered from the Central Pool for export. Against this, 52.76 lakh MTs and 14.36 lakh MTs of wheat and rice respectively have been actually shipped upto 31.03.2002. The list of countries to which foodgrains from India have been exported is given in the Annexe.

(b)&(c): No country has rejected Indian foodgrains exported from the Central Pool onaccount of sub-standard quality. However, 4 shipments of wheat sent by 3 private parties have been rejected by the Grain Board of Iraq for containing inorganic matter, although those conformed to the Internationally accepted CODEX Standards. The quantity involved was 74,018 MTsand it was offered to the exporters @ Rs.4340/- per MT.

(d): Export of foodgrains is one of the various ways of disposal of the huge surplus stocks in the Central Pool.It does not affect the domestic demand and supply of foodgrains.

(e)&(f): Removal of restrictions on movement of foodgrains is a positive step. However, it is not possible to precisely assess its impact on exports at this stage.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERED TO IN PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5822 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 03-05-2002 IN LOK SABHA.

STATEMENT SHOWING COUNTRIES TO WHICH WHEAT AND RICE HAVE BEEN EXPORTED

Commodity	Wheat	Rice
	Bangladesh	Baharin
	Egypt	Bangladesh
	CIndonesia	Comoros
	Kuwait	Damam
	Malaysia	Dubai
	Myanmar	Ethiopia
	Oman/Dubai	Indonesia
		Phillipines
		Iraq
	Qatar	Ivory Coast
	Russia	Kenya
	Singapore	Kuwait
	South Korea	Malaysia
	Srilanka	Maputo

Sudan Mozambique
Taiwan Nigeria
Thailand Phillipines
UAE/Sharjah Singapore
Vietnam Somalia
Yemen South Africa
West Africa Srilanka
Tanzania
UAE/Sharjah
West Africa
Yemen